New Handloom Policy

*153. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for formulation of new Handloom Policy for development of the handloom industry is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any provision for nomination of Members of Parliament in the Handloom Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to formulate a new Textile Policy which will also cover the Handloom Sector. The details in this regard are still to be finalised.

(c) There is no statutory provision for nomination of members of Parliament in the Handloom Board.

(d) Does not Arise.

Withholding of Evidence by UK in Purulia Arms droping Case

*154. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) where it is a fact that the British Government has withheld evidence in Purulia arms drop case; and

(b) whether vital sections of the interrogation report of the main accused Peter Bleach, sent by the British Government to the Indian Trial Court have been censored by the British Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation which has been entrusted with the investigation of the Purulia arms Drop case, has intimated that no such evidence is in hand with CBI to suggest that the British Government has withheld evidence in Purulia Arms Drop Case.

(b) As per CBI, no interrogation report of Peter Bleach has been sent in the Execution Report of the Letter Rogatory relating to

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